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Statement submitted by the European Union of Women, a non-governmental organization in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council (roster)

The Secretary-General has received the following statement, which is circulated in accordance with paragraphs 29 and 30 of Economic and Social Council resolution 1296 (XLIV) of 23 May 1968.

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Interregional consultation on women in public life

The General Assembly by its resolution 44/77 of 8 December 1989 endorsed the convening of a high-level interregional consultation on women in public life. The Economic and Social Council recommended that the consultation should have maximum participation by Governments and non-governmental organizations.

One of the aims of the European Union of Women is the encouragement of all women to participate actively in the political process and this organization deeply deplores the postponement of this interregional consultation.

The European Union of Women hopes that resolution 45/127 of 14 December 1990, which invites "Governments and national institutions and organizations to provide extra-budgetary resources to facilitate preparations for the consultation, especially for the participation of least developed countries and for the dissemination of information about the consultation", will be taken up and for that reason stresses the importance of organizing this consultation, at least in the context of preparations for the Fourth World Conference on Women: Action for Equality, Development and Peace (1995).

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